



Historical Commission

Fitchburg City Hall – 166 Boulder Drive, Suite 108 - Fitchburg, MA 01420

Minutes

6:00 PM Thursday February 23, 2017

Meeting at Fitchburg Wallace Library, 610 Main Street, 2nd floor meeting room

Members of FHC present: Sam Blair, Keith Chenot, Ellen di Geronimo, Don Ostrowski, Susan Roetzer, Steve Twining, Charles Sternaimolo

Member of FHC absent: none

Non-Members of FHC present: Sharon A. Barnard, Mary Jo Bohart, and Jeff Hoover

1. Tappé Architect Jeff Hoover described the proposal for renovating the city library that was submitted to the Massachusetts Historical Commission. It included increasing the space from 45,000 sq. ft. to 60,000 sq. ft.; turning the present children's library into a 150-seat meeting room, taking out the mobile library for more parking spaces; putting in a café on the first floor; and incorporating a "brick" vocabulary into the façade. The Commission approved the plans.
2. Mary Jo Bohart, Economic Development Director, provided update on the Moran Square Historic District and stated that the property abutters had questions but no objections once the process was explained. She also said there would be an additional meeting in the spring
3. Minutes for FHC meeting of January 26, 2017, approved.
4. The City has hired a consultant, Lamoureaux-Pigano, to advise on City Hall renovation.
5. Discussion on Monument Park railing restoration involved estimate of cost and putting out bids for the work.
6. The Commission also discussed the Re-Dedication of the Monument Park Historic District events to be held on May 24th.